

Postal Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that the Commission received three petitions for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Pierceville post office in Pierceville, Indiana. The first petition for review received December 28, 2011, was filed by James W. Combs. The second petition for review received January 6, 2012, was filed by Debbie Poore. The third petition for review received January 17, 2012, was filed by Amanda Rohrig. The earliest postmark date is December 20, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review).



Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary

Date: January 18, 2012

Attachment

James W. COMBS
P.O.Box 92,
Pierceville, Indiana 47039

December 19, 2011

Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Ave NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268-0001

Dear Sirs:

I, James W. Combs, P.O. Box 92, Pierceville, Indiana, 47039 do wish to formally appeal the announced closing of the Pierceville Post Office.

It is obvious to me that the United States Postal Service has been disingenuous in their public announcements and the reasons for closing this post office and other post offices.

Federal law says cost can not be the only determinant for closing a post office, yet when reading the material provided, cost is exactly the reason for closing this post office. And yet, closing the 3700 odd post offices on the current list amounts to about 1% to 2% of the budget short fall. To get to their cost target, they will have to get down to two post offices in this county - perhaps fewer..

The postal service says that I can get the same services from a rural carrier that I currently get from the post office in Pierceville. That is simply not so. Should I need a service that requires personal interaction with my carrier, I need to stake out my rural box or leave a note and wait for him. His normal arrival time varies from 2:00pm to 5:00 pm. What accounts for a 3 hour window; I do not know.

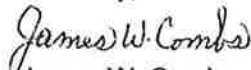
When asked what will become of our current post master, they say that to date all reductions have been achieved by attrition. If you are going to get rid of one half of the employee base and one half of the physical facilities; attrition will not take care of that - COME ON.

Transportation savings for this post office can not be much. It is less than 40 yards off of the main highway, and a stop takes less than 2 minutes for the truck to stop, and take the mail out of the outside box that it is in. When this facility is closed, the truck will drive by it every day, within 40 yards of it.

When closing large processing centers like the one in Cincinnati, that means every piece of mail will have to be trucked to the Toledo center for sorting. Every piece of 1st class and every piece of "junk mail" from all of the commercial printers in Cincinnati, Columbus, and Dayton, will have to be trucked to the processing center in Toledo - at somewhere between \$1.00 and \$1.25 per mile. Much of what you save on one end will have to be spent on the other. I have worked for businesses try that trick as a method of "cooking the balance sheet." It did not solve the income problem; it only made it look better on the balance sheet.

I am all for saving money, but giving me a line of spin that is less than honest is an insult, and it does not conform to the law. For these reasons and more, I appeal the closing of the Pierceville, Indiana Post Office.

Sincerely,


James W. Combs

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Gentlemen,

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I am writing this to ~~express~~ ^{2012 JAN 3 34} the decision to close the Pierreville Post Office 47039

I understand that the ^{POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION} ~~Post Office~~ says that you cannot close a post office due to cost.

We all know that the bottom line is the real reason for these closures. I'm sorry but less than 1% of the over-all budget? Give me a break! And what's to happen to all of the employees? I cannot imagine how you will be able to find jobs at the Post Office to keep these people employed. The economy is in terrible shape now, how will the decision to close 36-3700 post offices effect this?

I live about a mile & a half from the Pierreville Post Office & I have utilized this office for thirty years! I buy my stamps there & mail packages there. I also purchase money orders there. I refuse to put money inside my rural box to wait my carrier for a money order that I won't receive until sometime the next day.

And as far as the Internet is concerned... we have no Internet in our area [or cell service for that matter.]

Not everyone lives in the city, these rural Post Offices are a life-line for people in the country. U S P S United States Postal Service...

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Please don't deny us this vital Service.

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Rebekah Poore
3242 NCR 450 E
Milam, Am. 47031

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I am writing to appeal the final determination to close the post office in Pierceville Indiana

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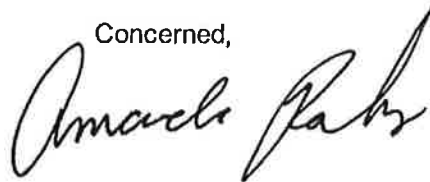
I have two p.o. boxes in Pierceville, one for personal use and the other for a not for profit

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organization that we have an event for every year. If this post office is closed within the next two months then our organization will have to re-mail all the donation letters to inform our donors of the address change before our event in April. Not only will this cause a lot of confusion but I feel like it will lower our number of donations, It will also cost the organization money that we would use to help save lives.

I don't feel the \$53,887 is a realistic estimation for money saved in transportation due to the fact that rather the mail truck stops or not it will still have to pass the Pierceville post office on it's rout daily.

Concerned,



Amanda Rohrig